

# "UNITED IN STRENGTH SOLIDARITY AGAINST HUNGER"



## 2017 MAYORS' RAMADAN UNITY DINNER hosted by Mayors Virg Bernero & Mark Meadows

Thursday, July 13, 2017

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The Lansing Center

333 E. Michigan Ave, Downtown Lansing

Tickets, Sponsorship, & Ads

\$15 student • \$25 person • \$80 family of 4

Contact us for sponsorship & ad pricing

### *Essay Contest:*

high school + college students  
win: \$150 to \$500 | entries due:  
Monday, September 19, 2017

(517) 483 - 4141 . [mayoreventslan@gmail.com](mailto:mayoreventslan@gmail.com)

[www.lansingmi.gov/ramadanunitydinner](http://www.lansingmi.gov/ramadanunitydinner)



All proceeds go to: **GREATER LANSING foodbank**





Virg Bernero, Mayor

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Lansing, MI 48933-1694  
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Mark Meadows, Mayor

May, 2017

Greetings,

Mayors Virg Bernero and Mark Meadows will host the **11th Annual Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner - "United in Strength — Solidarity Against Hunger"** – on **Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**, at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Debbie Almontaser, CEO and founder of Bridging Cultures Group, Inc. founder and former principal of the Khalil Gibran International Academy and Board President of the Muslim Community Network.

The mission of the Ramadan Unity Dinner is to bring awareness to the plight of hunger and promote a better understanding of how communities can impart hope and help feed those that experience hunger. For the past ten years, this event has embraced all community members — regardless of faith — so they can unite and work together towards a common goal. It also gives those in the community an opportunity to demonstrate the importance of diversity and embrace the Muslim culture. The Ramadan observance is not only to purify the soul, but to also feel the pain of the hungry while abstaining from food and water.

Once again we will feature an essay contest where 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders and college students are asked to explore the theme **"How do communities unite in Solidarity Against Hunger?"** and find ways to combat hunger while keeping hope alive and strong. Information about the essay contest and dinner is contained within this packet or visit our link at <http://www.lansingmi.gov/ramadanunitydinner>

We are asking for your support as a Sponsor for this event (see sponsorship form with levels and deadline). Since its inception, the Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner has grown to reach an audience of more than 400 persons and has contributed over \$86,000 to our local food bank. An exciting evening is being planned with great authentic ethnic cuisine and an informative program. The celebration will be funded primarily through sponsorships and ticket sales at a moderate cost (\$15/per student/\$25 per individual/\$80 per family of four). Sponsors will be recognized for their commitment to diversity and the fight against hunger. Proceeds of the event will be directed to the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact coordinator, Emma Bostwick, at 517: 483-4141 or by email at [Mayoreventslan@gmail.com](mailto:Mayoreventslan@gmail.com). Sponsors and those interested in purchasing tickets or an advertisement may make **checks payable to the City of Lansing and mail with sponsorship/ticket or advertisement request form to: Ramadan Unity Dinner, Office of Mayor Virg Bernero, 9th Floor, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933-1694.**

We look forward to your support and to you joining us on Thursday, July 13th. Thank you for your consideration and partnering with us to make it happen in Metro Lansing!

Sincerely,

**Virg Bernero**  
Mayor of Lansing

**Mark Meadows**  
Mayor of East Lansing



Virg Bernero, Mayor



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**Lansing, Michigan**

**Sponsorship Opportunities**  
***Deadline Tuesday, June 27, 2017***

**Platinum – \$2,500**

- Honorable Mention in Marketing and Social Media
- Presentation of Appreciation Plaque
- Full Page (7.5 x 10.0) Advertisement in Souvenir Program Book
- Company Name Recognition on Display
- City Lugnuts Suite for One Game in 2017 (based on availability)
- 24 Reserved Seating Tickets (three tables)

**Gold – \$1,000**

- Honorable Mention in Marketing and Social Media
- Presentation of Appreciation Plaque
- Half Page Advertisement (7.5x4.875) in Souvenir Program Book
- Company Name Recognition on Display
- 16 one day Hannah Community Center Passes
- 16 Reserved Seating Tickets (two tables)

**Silver – \$500**

- Honorable Mention in Marketing and Social Media
- Presentation of Appreciation Plaque
- Quarter Page Advertisement (3.625x4.875) in Souvenir Program Book
- Company Name Recognition on Display
- 8 Reserved Seating Tickets (one table)

**Bronze – \$250**

- Honorable Mention in Marketing and Social Media
- Presentation of Appreciation Certificate
- Business Card Size Advertisement (3.625x2.1235) in Souvenir Program Book
- Company Name Recognition on Display
- 4 Reserved Seating Tickets (half table)



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### *Tickets and Advertisement*

#### **Tickets**

***Deadline for purchase is Friday, July 7, 2017***

Students ..... \$15.00 per person

Individual ..... \$25.00 per person

Family..... \$80.00 per family of 4

#### **Advertisement Opportunities**

All program book advertisement materials must be submitted in JPEG format for all ads. PDF format is acceptable but JPEG is preferred. Please supply a .jpeg file with 300 dpi resolution or better. Finished program book is full 8 x 11 inch margin in Black and White with a colored front and back cover.

***Deadline for Ad/Message Submission is Tuesday, June 27, 2017***

Full Page Ad/Message (7.5 x 10.0)..... \$150.00

Half Page Ad/Message (7.5 x 4.875)..... \$ 75.00

Quarter Page Ad/Message (3.625 x 4.875) ..... \$ 50.00

Business Card Size Ad/Message (3.6245 x 2.1235)..... \$ 25.00

***Please see the following page for ad size guidelines***

**Full Page: 7.5" x 10"**  
**(7 ½ x 10)**  
**\$150**

**Half Page: 7.5" x 4.875"**  
**(7 1/2 x 4 7/8)**  
**\$75**

**Quarter Page: 3.625" x**  
**4.875"**  
**(3 5/8 x 4 7/8)**  
**\$50**

**Bus. Cards: 3.625" x**  
**2.1235"**  
**(3 5/8 x 2 5/16)**  
**\$25**





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## Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner



Mark Meadows, Mayor

**"United in Strength - Solidarity Against Hunger"**

# ESSAY CONTEST

**Open to 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Grades & College Students**

***Deadline for essay submission is Monday, June 19, 2017 by 5:00 pm***

***9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: 1<sup>st</sup> Place/\$300 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place/\$200 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place/\$150***

***12<sup>th</sup> Grade and College Students: 1<sup>st</sup> Place/\$500 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place/\$300 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place/\$200***

## Essay Contest Rules & Guidelines

The mission of the Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner is as follows:

- To demonstrate the importance of diversity and embrace the Muslim culture
- An opportunity for the community to help alleviate hunger and enjoy authentic Middle Eastern cuisine
- Bring awareness to the plight of hunger and promote a better understanding of how communities can impart hope and help feed those that experience hunger
- To raise funds for the Greater Lansing Food Bank

**Essay Topic: How can communities "Unite in Solidarity Against Hunger?"**

Essays must be between 250 and 500 words in the English language. Essays will be judged on clarity, reflective thinking, grammar, spelling and overall effectiveness.

Your name should be included at the top-right corner on each page of your essay.

Students must submit a copy of a current transcript by the designated deadline.

Plagiarism will not be accepted. Essays must be the original work of the entrant.

Essays must not have been previously broadcasted, distributed or disseminated in any medium or public domain.

Essays must not be in violation of/or conflict with the trademark, copyright, rights of privacy, rights of publicity or any other rights of any kind or nature or of any other person or entity.

Essays must not include any language or other content that is indecent, inappropriate, morally objectionable or otherwise unfit for dissemination or broadcast.

Essay winners must complete and submit an IRS Form W-9 ( [goo.gl/6MpZl5](http://goo.gl/6MpZl5) ) by Thursday, June 29, 2017 and prior to issuance of any prize funds. If able, the Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner Committee strongly encourages the winners to attend the actual dinner being held on **Thursday, July 13, 2017** at the Lansing Center.

Entries not satisfying the criteria, in any respect, may be disqualified. If the Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner Committee, in its sole discretion, has reason to believe that an entry contains any material that may infringe or violate any law or rights of a third party, or that the use of broadcast or such entry in the manner described herein may infringe or violate any rights of a third party, the Committee may immediately disqualify such entry and take any other measures it may deem appropriate.



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## Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner



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**"United in Strength - Solidarity Against Hunger"**

# ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Essay Topic: **How can communities "Unite in Solidarity Against Hunger?"**

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☐ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**      ☐ **10<sup>th</sup> Grade**      ☐ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade**      ☐ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade**      ☐ **College Student**

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Name of High School / College

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First Name

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Middle Int.

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Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

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Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

☐ A copy of my transcript is being submitted with my entry form & essay.

I have read and understand the essay contest rules and guidelines as outlined herein. I further understand that should my essay place, a W-9 form ( [goo.gl/6MpZ15](http://goo.gl/6MpZ15) ) will be required by Thursday, June 29, 2017 and I am encouraged to attend the Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner being held on **Thursday, July 13, 2017** at the Lansing Center to accept my prize.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Submit Entry Form, Essay, and Transcript to: [Mayoreventslan@gmail.com](mailto:Mayoreventslan@gmail.com)**

**For more information, please contact Ignacio G. Andrade III, in the MSU Office for Inclusion & Intercultural Initiatives [andrade@pres.msu.edu](mailto:andrade@pres.msu.edu) - 517-353-4563**

This Ramadan Dinner information and forms can be downloaded at [www.lansingmi.gov/ramadanunitydinner](http://www.lansingmi.gov/ramadanunitydinner)



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**Sponsorship – Ticket – Advertisement Commitment Form**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Individual Name or Company/Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company/Organization Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Telephone Number w/area code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Telephone Number w/area code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

***Please check all that apply:***

☐ Platinum Sponsor - \$2,500

☐ Gold Sponsor - \$1,000

☐ Silver Sponsor - \$500

☐ Bronze Sponsor - \$250

☐ Full Page Ad - \$150

☐ Half Page Ad - \$75

☐ Quarter Page Ad - \$50

☐ Business Size Ad - \$25

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Student Ticket(s) @ \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Ticket(s) @ \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Set of 4 Family Tickets @ \$80/4 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_





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## Payment Information

### Please make checks payable to:

*City of Lansing – Ramadan Unity Dinner  
#38-6004628*

☐ *City W-9 Form required for payment*

### Mail Check with Commitment Form to:

*Ramadan Unity Dinner  
Office of Mayor Virg Bernero  
9th Floor, City Hall  
124 W. Michigan Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48933-1694*

*Questions: Please contact Coordinator Emma Bostwick or Renee Morgan Freeman at 517.483.4141*

### Email Commitment Form to:

[Mayoreventslan@gmail.com](mailto:Mayoreventslan@gmail.com)

☐ Please invoice    ☐ Check Enclosed    ☐ Credit Card Payment    ☐ Online Payment Made

Check or Credit Card Amount Submitted    \$\_\_\_\_\_    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Payments can also be made on line - hit control key and click [here](#)

**Note: There is a 3% Convenience Fee for Credit Card Payments**

☐ Visa    ☐ Master Card    ☐ Discover    ☐ American Express

Charge Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration:    \_\_\_\_\_ Month    \_\_\_\_\_ Year    3 or 4 Digit SIC Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Credit Card Payment Link as well = <https://goo.gl/3iqFU9>